

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION  
ON  
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS  
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL  
AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**March 9, 2018  
Public Health Suites A & B  
275 E. Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40621**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deputy Secretary Tim Feeley  
Dee Werline, Deputy Commissioner for  
Commissioner Wendy Morris  
Alisha Clark for Commissioner Steve Miller  
Laura Butler for Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones  
Katie Bentley for Kellie McClain  
Christopher George  
D. Brandon Griffith  
Stella Beard

Steve Shannon  
Missy R. McKiernan  
Julie Sweets  
Berlinda Bazzell  
Virginia (Jini) Payne  
Lesley Reising  
Andrew A. Venetianer  
Karen F. Herdina

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Joni Jenkins  
Representative Larry Brown  
Senator Julie Raque Adams  
Lynn Braker

Senator Tom Buford  
Becky Cabe  
Rita D. Wooton

**OPENING REMARKS**

Deputy Secretary Feeley opened the meeting and welcomed Commission members and members of the audience.

Deputy Secretary Feeley announced the retirement of Gayle DiCesare from her position at River Valley Behavior Health and recognized her contributions to the HB 144 Commission as she represented the Kentucky Association of Regional Providers.

Deputy Secretary Feeley announced the appointment of Steve Shannon to fulfill Ms. DiCesare's term and welcomed Mr. Shannon as a member of the HB 144 Commission.

An updated HB 144 Commission Membership List is included in the meeting packet. Changes in contact information should be given to Claudia Johnson or Barb Locker.

## **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

- Minutes from the December 8, 2017 meetings reviewed.
- Minutes were approved.

## **KY NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Laura Butler (Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky) presented the 2017 Kentucky National Core Indicators – Quality Improvement Committee Recommendations on behalf of Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones.
- National Core Indicators (NCI) collects information of a random sample of persons who receive services from the state in the following programs: Supports for Community Living and Michelle P. Medicaid Waiver programs, State General Fund programs, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) settings.
- Kentucky's random sample is 400 individuals and is statistically representative of the number of individuals receiving services.
- Data is compared to the national average of 40 states participating in the NCI program.
- Analysis of data is distributed to providers and the Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) for quality improvement purposes.
- The Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) with input from all states develops questions.
  - Questions are changed based upon validity.
  - Survey tool is not available because of proprietary status.
- Critical areas in Kentucky include:
  - Employment;
  - Health and wellness;
  - Relationships and community inclusion; and
  - Psychotropic medication usage.
- Recommendations and suggested resources for each of the critical areas were provided to the Commission for review and consideration.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Community Integration**
  - Missy McKiernan and Andrew Venetianer, Co-Chairs provided updates.
  - Continue to work on issues regarding transportation.
  - The Transportation Cabinet did distribute a bulletin to providers that clarifies Non-Emergency Medical Transportation. A copy of the bulletin is included in our meeting packet.
  - No recommendations submitted.
- **Health/Wellness**
  - Laura Butler provided an update on behalf of Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones.
  - The Committee is drafting a survey for distribution to providers and direct support professionals to identify needs and barriers.

- The Human Development Institute and the Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities continues to collaborate with the Kentucky Department for Public Health on several health/wellness initiatives.
- No recommendations submitted.
- **Participant-Directed Services**
  - Brandon Griffith and Stella Beard, Co-Chairs provided updates.
  - Committee continues to work with Department for Medicaid Services and Department for Aging and Independent Living to resolve technical issues related to recipients dropping out of payment status and therefore unable to pay staff.
  - The Committee will continue to work with non-state agencies related to the development and implementation of a Direct Support Professional Registry as a recruitment tool for participant directed services.
  - A related issue is the recruitment and retention of quality staff by self-advocates and their family members. The Committee submitted a draft recommendation for consideration by the Commission to provide guidance to self-advocates/family members on recruitment/retention of direct support professionals.
  - Commission approved recommendation.

## **DMS UPDATE**

- Alisha Clark, Department for Medicaid Services provided updates.
- Waiver Redesign
  - Timeline of activities reviewed.
  - The stakeholder forums will be in the same 10 cities as the focus groups. No registration is required; however, doors will close when the room capacity of the meeting space has been filled.
  - The Focus Group Report will be distributed to those who have submitted comments and through other Cabinet listservs in advance of the stakeholder forums.
- Slots/Waiting Lists
  - Currently reviewing for unduplicated slots
  - Approximately 15 people are on emergency waitlist for Supports for Community Living slots.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Lillian Bassett, family member of sibling at Oakwood
  - Questioned the National Core Indicator (NCI) process. Laura Butler provided clarification.
  - Sought clarification of admission to facilities such as Oakwood and placement of individuals
    - Dee Werline, Deputy Commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) provided the following clarification:
      - Individuals are admitted to facilities through the 202B process.
      - A determination is made by the Commissioner of DBHDID on placement of the person based upon his/her needs.
      - The state does ensure there is appropriate staffing at the facilities.

## **COMMISSION FUTURE DIRECTION**

- Deputy Secretary Feeley acknowledged the work of the Commission and its advisory role to the Governor and General Assembly.
- Commission members were asked if they believe the Commission is important and if they believe their recommendations are being considered. Feedback included:
  - Missy McKiernan acknowledge frustration; however, since there has been a move to invite guest speakers to present information and time given to ask presenters questions and respond to their presentations there has been improvement
  - Brandon Griffith believes there is a general view that people do not attend Commission meetings since the Commission meets at the Department for Public Health.
- It is time for the Commission members to determine their priorities for the next 5 years.
- Proposed and accepted that the HB 144 Commission members will meet in closed session on June 8 from 10:00-Noon at the Department for Public Health, Conference Suites A & B to develop goals for the next five years. Lunch options will be provided.
- The HB 144 Commission will hold their regular quarterly meeting from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the same location on June 8. The meeting will be open to the public.
- Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs were encouraged to meet with their respective committees and seek input from members on what should be overarching goals for the Commission in advance.

## **IN CLOSING**

- Deputy Secretary Feeley thanked everyone for attending and reminded Commission members of the next quarterly meeting on Friday, June 8th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the same location.
- Motion to adjourn by Missy McKiernan; second by Andrew Venetianer
- Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.